

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: T. Patrick Stubbs.

2 MR. STUBBS: Madam Chair and members of commission.

3 When I heard that the National Gambling Impact Study
4 Commission was coming to Del Mar, I was excited at the prospect
5 of the commission being introduced to a place that I call home.

6 In the business that my son is proud to tell his
7 classmates, my daddy goes to the race track everyday. My name is
8 T. Pat Stubbs and I'm 34 years old. I've grown up here in the
9 north coast of San Diego county with my wife and two children. I
10 currently reside in the Village of Del Mar. And I'm privileged
11 to be employed as director of development for the Del Mar
12 Thoroughbred Club.

13 I didn't set out to be in the racing business. My
14 formal training was in advertising and political science, and I
15 wanted to get politicians elected. While enjoying a successful
16 career in advertising, handling the best accounts this town has
17 to offer, the wildest thing happened. One of my clients, Del
18 Mar, offered me a position. As many do, I re-evaluated my
19 situation and realized that it was just too good to pass up and
20 trust me it wasn't for the money, it was for the opportunity.

21 The opportunity to be part of a sport that espouses
22 tradition, encourages community involvement, and is all about
23 entertainment. Having spent time in the cut-throat advertising
24 industry where morals, ethics, and character were not
25 requirements; it was refreshing to join an industry in which
26 athletes' welfare is first priority and character counts.

27 This Saturday I was walking in the back side with my
28 two boys so that they could experience the horses and I couldn't

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1 get over their excitement as they watched these equine athletes
2 being tended to. Several exercise jockeys rode up and offered
3 their mounts for the purposes of petting.

4 The next seven weeks will be the only opportunity
5 that my children will have to be exposed to these powerful
6 animals. I know that they appreciate the exposure and I'm sure
7 that as they watch the love and care given to these thoroughbred,
8 it will have a long term positive affect on my children.

9 The horses aren't the only entertainment opportunity
10 that we offer. To night come on over to the Plaza de Mexico and
11 enjoy some jazz at Del Mar. I'll be there with my wife, my
12 children, their grandparents, and other family members. This
13 free concert series is just part of the community experience, a
14 very traditional part. Back when Bing Crosby and his cronies
15 build the place, they would stay late into the evening
16 entertaining all the guests and their visitors. This tradition
17 of entertainment lives on weekly in concerts on Wednesdays and
18 Fridays, supplemented by special events including San Diego
19 Chamber Orchestra and even a Burt Backerack concert this past
20 weekend that raised over a half million dollar for the local
21 student scholarships that UCSD.

22 The venue will also be used to conduct sports and
23 fitness festivals, volley ball tournaments and numerous other
24 entertaining events throughout the season.

25 In the past five years working with the local Rotary
26 Clubs, YMCA, and the Boys and Girls Club; I've chaired and been
27 directly involved with over \$500,000 of charitable contributions

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1 that have gone into the community. I am very proud of that and
2 it wouldn't have happened if it hadn't been for this job.

3 In conclusion, if you've never walked the backside of
4 a race track in the morning and experienced the love and care
5 that each of these equine athletes is given, I encourage you to
6 do so. And if you haven't experienced how entertaining an
7 afternoon of thoroughbred racing is, come on over to Del Mar.

8 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.

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